

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace entire page containing the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is provided for attending to, filtrating and cleaning a working medium using at least one filter in a filter housing which adjoins a discharge device for a filter cake. The filtered out particles are gradually compacted in the discharge device to give the filter cake. The compacted filter cake is discharged once it has reached a predetermined thickness.